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SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE CONTAINS BACKGROUND INFORMATION
ON UPCOMING NATO SCIENCE COMMITTEE MEETING (OCTOBER 1-2)
TO BE HELD IN BRUSSELS AS DISCUSSED DURING INFORMAL
MEETING OF ASYG OZDAS AND ALLIED DELEGATION OFFICERS
SEPTEMBER 17. MESSAGE PROVIDES GENERAL COMMENTS BELOW
ON AGENDA ITEMS FOR USE BY WASHINGTON REPS IN PREPARATION
FOR MEETING. END SUMMARY.

1. IN PREPARATION FOR UPCOMING NATO SCIENCE
COMMITTEE (SC) MEETING, OCTOBER 1-2, OZDAS CALLED
INFORMAL MEETING WITH OFFICERS FROM ALLIED DELEGATIONS
SEPTEMBER 17, WITH REFERENCE TO MEETING AGENDA
(AC/137-A/47, REFTEL). OZDAS PLANS NO POLICY STATE-
MENT AT OUTSET OCTOBER MEETING BUT LOOKS FORWARD TO
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TALKING INFORMALLY WITH EACH SC DEL MEMBER AT MEETING
AND AS OPPORTUNITY ARISES IN CAPITALS. IN OZDAS' VIEW,
ORAL REPORTS AND REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES OF SPECIAL
PROGRAM PANELS WILL BE "CENTER OF GRAVITY" AT THIS
MEETING, AT WHICH SC WILL BE ASKED TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE

IN DETERMINING POLICY FOR PANELS. DEPUTY ASYG KOVACH STATED THAT SECRETARIAT HAS NO STONG VIEWS ON DIRECTIONS TAKEN BY PANELS BUT HOPES SC MEMBERS WILL TAKE SPECIAL NOTE OF ORAL REPORTS, WHICH ARE ON AGENDA, AND WILL BE PREPARED WITH FRANK AND CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM ON PANELS WORK. SECRETARIAT STRESSED THAT FORTHCOMING SC MEETING MOST LIKELY REQUIRE THE TWO FULL DAYS TO COVER AGENDA.

2. AS TO SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS, KOVACH EXPRESSED THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON BEHALF SCIENCE DIVISION (KEYED TO AGENDA ITEMS REFTEL):

II SPECIAL PROGRAM PANELS - GENERAL REFERENCE DOCUMENT ASG.SA (73)200 INCLUDES THE SIX CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS. SC'S COMMENTS ARE SOLICITED ON DIRECTIONS TAKEN IN PROGRAMS OF ALL PANELS. SC'S ATTENTION IS PARTICULARLY DRAWN TO II(C) SYSTEMS SCIENCES; AND II (D) RADIMETEROROLOGY, AS FOLLOWS: (C) SYSTEMS SCIENCES - INDIVIDUAL REF DOCUMENT AC/137-D/510 CONSISTS OF (1) JUNE MEETING REPORT; AND (2) COMMENTS OF OUTGOING ASYG RANDERS ON PORTION OF REPORT. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT EACH PANEL NOW HAS EXTENSIVE AUTHORITY TO DEVELOP OWN PROGRAM UNLESS ASYG OBJECTS, IN WHICH CASE HE BRINGS MATTER TO ATTENTION OF SC. SYSTEMS SCIENCES PANEL HAS PROPOSED HIRE CONSULTANTS TO DEVELOP PROPOSALS FOR A STATE OF THE ART REPORT ON SYSTMES SCIENCES IN ALLIED COUNTRIES. IN RANDERS' ESTIMATION, THIS IS A SUFFICIENT DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL PATTERN OF PANEL ACTIVITY TO WARRANT OPPORTUNITY FOR SC TO EXPRESS ITS VIEWS ON THIS PROPOSED USE BY PANEL OF ITS PROGRAM FUNDS. KOVACH NOTED THAT ANNES MENTIONED PARA 7 OF AC/137-D/510 IS TO BE FOUND ON PAGE 13 OF ASG.SA (73)200, WHERE IT IDENTIFIED AS ANNEX II TO PANEL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT. (D) RADIOMETEROROLOGY - HERE TOO THE PANEL PROPOSES TO HAVE A CONSULTANT PREPARE STATE OF THE ART REPORT, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHICH RANDERS AGAIN BELIEVES WARRANTS AN EXPRESSION OF THE SC'S VIEWS.

III: REPORT OF AD HOC EXPLOATORY GROUP ON OCEANOGRAPHY - REFERENCE DOCUMENT AC/137-D/508 IS REPORT ON GROUP'S LAST MEETING, AND AC/137-D/516 IS GROUPS'S REPORT TO THE SC, IN WHICH IS PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF TWO ADDITIONAL SPECIAL PROGRAM PANELS ON GENERAL MARINE SCIENCES, AND THE BENTHIC BOUNDARY LAYER, RESPECTIVELY. ANNEX II TO D/516 OFFERS PROPOSED SCOPE STATEMENT WHICH STILL FAIRLY GENERAL BUT WHICH WILL REPORESENT A NARROWING DOWN OF WORK SUPPORTED IN PAST. SECRETARIAT HOPES SC WILL GIVE ITS ADVICE ON WHETHER THESE TWO NEW PANELS SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED AND IF

THE PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE ARE APPROPRIATE.
SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS TAKE NO POSITION ON MATTER BUT
NOTE THAT ADDITION OF TWO MORE PANELS TO EXISTING
SIX WOULD PUT A HEAVY BURDEN ON THE SECRETARIAT, WHICH
THE SC SHOULD KEEP IN MIND WHILE MAKING DECISION ON
SUBSTANTIVE MERITS.

IV: CONFERENCES - DEPARTMENT WILL NOTE THAT TWO
INITIATIVES ARE BEING PROPOSED ON BENTHIC BOUNDARY
LAYER, I.E., NEW PANEL (SEE III ABOVE) AND A SC-
SPONSORED EVALUATIVE STATE OF THE ART CONFERENCE UNDER
THIS AGENDA ITEM.

V: FINANCIAL

(A) KOVACH NOTED THAT AS USUAL THE FORMAL
APPROVAL OF SC IS NEEDED FOR END OF YEAR TRANSFER
OF UNUSED FUNDS TO THE RESEARCH GRANTS PROGRAMME.

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(B) KOVACH NOTED THAT SECRETARY GENERAL WILL
PROPOSE A SCIENCE PROGRAM BUDGET OF BF 271,000,000 AS
AGAINST THE 1974 BUDGET RECOMMENDATION BY THE SC LAST
MAY OF BF 281,000,000. AS THE 1974 BUDGET HAS NOT YET
BEEN ACTED ON BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE, SC WILL BE ASKED
TO AUTHORIZE THE SCIENCE DIVISION TO ADMINISTER 1974
EXPENDITURES ACCORDING TO THE 1973 BUDGET CREDITS,
PENDING APPROVAL OF THE 1974 BUDGET BY THE BUDGET
COMMITTEE AND THE COUNCIL.

(C) SC WILL BE CALLED UPON TO DECIDE ON BASIS
OF ITS REVIEW OF PANELS'S PROGRESS HOW TO APPROTION
PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR FOLLOWING YEAR. REF

DOCUMENT THIS ITEM SETS FORTH SECRETARIAT'S SUGGESTIONS BUT THESE DESCRIBED AS HIGHLY PROVISIONAL. ONE STILL UNDETERMINED FACTOR OF COURSE IS NUMBER OF PANELS TO BE SUPPORTED NEXT YEAR, I.E., WHETHER THESE WILL INCLUDE TWO NEW ONES ON MARINE SCIENCES AND BENTHIC BOUNDARY LAYER.

VI: SELECTION NEW PANEL MEMBERS. REF DOCUMENT THIS ITEM LISTS 9 VACANCIES AND 18 NOMINEES. SECRETARIAT SUGGESTS THAT SC MEMBERS LOOK AT NOMINEES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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IN LIGHT OF SCIENTIFIC SPECIALITIES AND CURRICULA VITAE OF PRESENT PANEL MEMBERS IN ORDER ACHIEVE AS BROAD A SPECTRUM OF MEMBERSHIP AS POSSIBLE.

VII: STATEMENT BY ADVISORY PANEL ON RESEARCH GRANTS - SECRETARIAT WISHES DRAW SC ATTENTION TO LAST 4 LINES OF REFERENCE DOCUMENT THIS ITEM, WHICH COULD GENERATE HIGHLY SIGNIFICANT DISCUSSION, EVEN NECESSITATING RETURN TO TOPIC AGAIN FOR FULLER EXAMINATION AT NEXT MAY MEETING. OZDAS BELIEVES SERIOUS DISCUSSION VERY USEFUL NOW BUT EXPECTS NO BINDING DECISIONS TO BE REACHED AT OCTOBER SC MEETING.

VIII: IX: X: - SECRETARIAT PROPOSES TO HOLD DISCUSSION THESE ITEMS TO A MINIMUM. SC WILL BE ASKED TO NOTE. IF DISCUSSION NEEDED IN ANY DEPTH, SECRETARIAT BELIEVES IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE AT FEBRUARY MEETING.

XI: ANY OTHER BUSINESS - NONE WAS DISCUSSED ON SEPTEMBER 17.

XII: TIME AND PLACE NEXT MEETING - THE SECRETARIAT MENTIONED THAT DATES FOR NEXT TWO MEETINGS WILL BE FEBRUARY 1-2, 1974 AND MAY 28-29, 1974 RESPECTIVELY. CANADIAN DEL OFFICER REPORTED THAT CANADA EXPECTS TO INVITE SC TO HOLD FALL 1974 MEETING IN CANADA. CANADA WILL SUGGEST SEPTEMBER RATHER THAN USUAL OCTOBER DATE FOR REASON OF BETTER WEATHER.

3. MISSION COMMENT: MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT US DELEGATION BE PREPARED TO JOIN IN DEVELOPING SC GUIDANCE ON SPECIAL PROGRAM PANEL REPORTS UNDER AGENDA ITEM II AND TO ADDRESS PARTICULAR MATTERS RAISED BY RANDERS WITH REFERENCE TO ITEM II (C) AND (D); TO TAKE A FAVORABLE POSITION ON RECOMMENDATIONS PROPOSED UNDER ITEMS III AND IV, TO AUTHORIZE USUAL TRANSFER OF UNUSED SCIENCE PROGRAM FUNDS TO RESEARCH GRANTS PROGRAM UNDER ITEM V(A); TO AUTHORIZE SCIENCE DIVISION TO ADMINISTER 1974 EXPENDITURES ACCORDING

TO 1973 BUDGET CREDITS UNDER ITEM V(B); TO
CONTRIBUTE TO DISCUSSION OF ITEM VII; TO NOTE
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REPORTS UNDER ITEM VIII, IX AND X.
RE ITEMS III AND IV, DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT AD HOC
EXPLORATORY GROUP ON OCEANOGRAPHY, UNDER ITS TERMS OF
REFERENCE, GOES OUT OF EXISTENCE IN DECEMBER 1973.
THIS WOULD LEAVE NATO SCIENCE PROGRAM WITHOUT ANY
ACTIVITY IN OCEANOGRAPHY FIELD FOR WHICH IT ESPECIALLY
NOTED; HENCE WE SHARE VIEW EXPRESSED TO US PRIVATELY BY
SECRETARIAT THAT ESTABLISHMENT NEW MARINE SCIENCES
PANEL IS OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE, AND WE WOULD JOIN THEM
IN ENCOURAGING US DEL SUPPORT OF INITIATIVES ON BENTHIC
BOUNDARY AS WELL. IN BRIEFING US DEL, DEPARTMENT MIGHT
ALSO MENTION FORTHCOMING OCTOBER 16-17 TRIP TO
WASHINGTON BY ASYG OZDAS.
ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE NAMES, GRADES, TITLES,
TRAVEL PLANS, HOTEL NEEDS AND SECURITY CLEARANCE INFO
(FOR ISSUANCE NATO PASS) ON US REPS TO UPCOMING NATO
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